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SUBJECT: TWO APPROACHES TO ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT VIA
THE QUAI

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1. QUAI (DE CALBIAC) INFORMS US THAT THE FRENCH CHARGE IN TIRANA HAS -- IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST REFTEL -- SENT SEPARATE NOTES ON THE LITSIKAS AND SIANIS CASES TO THE ALBANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE NOTES WERE DATED APRIL 28.
2. IN A STRICTLY PERSONAL MESSAGE OF MAY 22 TO DE CALBIAC THE CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT HE ADOPTED THIS PROCEDURE ON THE ADVICE OF THE ALBANIAN MFA'S DIRECTOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS. THE CHARGE ADDS THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION -- WE PRESUME FROM HIS CONTACTS WITH THIS OFFICIAL -- THAT THE ALBANIANS MAY RESPOND IN THE LITSIKAS CASE. HE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL NOT REPLY IN THE SIANIS CASE. "IF SIANIS IS STILL ALIVE," THE CHARGE WRITES, "HE IS CONSIDERED AN ENEMY OF THE REGIME. THE PRISON WHERE HE WAS, OR PERHAPS STILL IS BEING KEPT, IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE TOUGHEST IN ALBANIA."

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3. DE CALBIAC PROMISED TO PASS FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE CASES AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. IN VIEW OF THE DELICACY OF FRENCH CHARGE'S MEDIATION EFFORTS IN THESE CASES, DE CALBIAC REQUESTED THAT DETAILS OF QUAI INTERVENTIONS NOT BE MADE KNOWN TO THE INTERESTED PARTIES IN VERY SPECIFIC TERMS. QUAI WILL BE WILLING, HE SAYS, TO CONTINUE TO HELP US IN HUMANITARIAN CASES FROM TIME

TO TIME, BUT IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID CONGRESSIONAL OR OTHER
PUBLICITY WHICH COULD PUT OFF THE ALBANIANS AND SO
CLOSE THE CHANNEL. HARTMAN

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